

What is Claimed is:

1. A method for using an interactive wagering application to allow a user to participate in lottery wagering using user equipment, comprising:

providing a listing of lotteries in which the user can participate on a display; and

giving the user the ability to participate in at least one of the lotteries using the user equipment.

2. The method of claim 1 further comprising notifying the user that results to at least one of the lotteries in which the user participated are available.

3. The method of claim 2 wherein the notification is selected from a group consisting of a pop-up overlay, an icon, an e-mail, an instant message, a pager message, a telephone message, and any combination thereof.

4. The method of claim 1 further comprising displaying the results to at least one of the lotteries in which the user participated.

5. The method of claim 4 further comprising indicating whether the user won for each of the lotteries for which results are displayed.

6. The method of claim 1 further comprising recording the lottery drawings associated with the lotteries in which the user participated.

7. The method of claim 1 further comprising reminding the user of an upcoming lottery drawing

associated with at least one of the lotteries in which the user participated.

8. The method of claim 1 further comprising giving the user the ability to generate a lottery gift certificate.

9. The method of claim 1 further comprising displaying a user interface to the user to use in creating a wager for at least one of the lotteries, wherein the user interface is customized for each one of the lotteries.

10. The method of claim 1 further comprising:

creating a wager based on user inputs;  
giving the user the ability to finalize the wager at a later time; and

reminding the user to finalize the wager.

11. An interactive wagering system for using an interactive wagering application to allow a user to participate in lottery wagering using user television equipment, comprising user equipment configured to:

provide a listing of lotteries in which the user can participate on a display; and

give the user the ability to participate in at least one of the lotteries using the user television equipment.

12. The system of claim 11 further comprising user equipment configured to notify the user

that results to at least one of the lotteries in which the user participated are available.

13. The system of claim 12 wherein the notification is selected from a group consisting of a pop-up overlay, an icon, an e-mail, an instant message, a pager message, a telephone message, and any combination thereof.

14. The system of claim 11 further comprising user equipment configured to display the results to at least one of the lotteries in which the user participated.

15. The system of claim 14 further comprising user equipment configured to indicate whether the user won for each of the lotteries for which results are displayed.

16. The system of claim 11 further comprising user equipment configured to record the lottery drawings associated with the lotteries in which the user participated.

17. The system of claim 11 further comprising user equipment configured to remind the user of an upcoming lottery drawing associated with at least one of the lotteries in which the user participated.

18. The system of claim 11 further comprising user equipment configured to give the user the ability to generate a lottery gift certificate.

19. The system of claim 11 further comprising user equipment configured to display a user interface to the user to use in creating a wager for at least one of the lotteries, wherein the user interface is customized for each one of the lotteries.

20. The system of claim 11 further comprising user equipment configured to:

create a wager based on user inputs;  
give the user the ability to finalize the wager at a later time; and  
remind the user to finalize the wager.

21. A method for using an interactive wagering application to allow a user to participate in a lottery automatically using user equipment, comprising:

giving the user the ability to set conditions; and  
automatically participating in the lottery on behalf of the user when the conditions have been met.

22. The method of claim 21 wherein automatically participating in the lottery comprises using a default set of lottery numbers.

23. The method of claim 22 wherein the default set of lottery numbers are user-specified.

24. The method of claim 21 wherein automatically participating in the lottery comprises using a set of randomly generated lottery numbers.

25. The method of claim 21 wherein the conditions are based on factors selected from the group consisting of a period of time from the last time the user participated in the lottery, the lottery prize, odds of winning, and any combination thereof.

26. The method of claim 21 further comprising automatically participating in the lottery on behalf of the user every time the lottery is offered.

27. A system for using an interactive wagering application to allow a user to participate in a lottery automatically comprising user equipment configured to:

give the user the ability to set conditions; and

automatically participate in the lottery on behalf of the user when the conditions have been met.

28. The system of claim 27 further comprising user equipment configured to use a default set of lottery numbers when automatically participating in the lottery.

29. The system of claim 28 wherein the default set of lottery numbers are user-specified.

30. The system of claim 27 further comprising user equipment configured to use a set of randomly generated lottery numbers when automatically participating in the lottery.

31. The system of claim 27 wherein the conditions are based on factors selected from the group consisting of a period of time from the last time the user participated in the lottery, the lottery prize, odds of winning, and any combination thereof.

32. The system of claim 27 further comprising user equipment configured to automatically participate in the lottery on behalf of the user every time the lottery is offered.

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